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# The EXAMINER.

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*Occurſare capro, cornu petit ille, caveto.* Virgil.

*To* John Smith, Corn-cutter *and* Operator *for the* Toes.

*SIR!*

'YOUR's and Mr. *Sly*'s came ſafe to my 'Hands. Among the other *Papers* I find 'the *Engliſhman* of the *3d Inſtant*, in which 'there is a *Letter* from Mr. *Richard S.—le* 'to *Himſelf*; whoſe Name I ſhall uſe no 'more *in Letters at length*, according to the Advice he 'has given me; and I beg Pardon of the World, for 'ſuffering ſo much bare-fac'd *Smut* to defile any of theſe 'Papers. The *Remarks* you ſent me upon that extraor-'dinary Piece, are, in my Opinion, tho' very Juſt, yet 'too Severe; and favour more of the *Politician*, than is 'neceſſary to render you an equal Match for this Gen-'tleman. I have as yet too tender a regard for him, to '*Publiſh* what you have written on this Subject; tho' 'he ſeems, by his Stile and Sentiments, to direct moſt 'of his Controverſial Diſcourſes to the Men of your 'Level and Station in the World. It is however a ge-'nerous Thing in you to eſpouſe my Quarrel, and I ſhall 'take a Time to reckon with your Friendſhip: Since 'you have been at the Pains to let Mankind know, that 'my Intereſt in the *Cellar* is as good as my Adverſary's, 'and that I ſhall not fail to make a Figure in *Low Life*, 'whilſt I have ſo conſiderable a Member of that Order 'on my Side. After this, I care not tho' *Ton—n* ſhould 'revive his *Guardian*, or *St—le* and *Longbottom* take the 'Field againſt me. I think, Mr. *Smith*, you have ſtated 'the Account fairly between us; and I cannot but allow 'of that *Billingſgate Bill*, or *Catalogue of Names*, with 'which Mr. *St—e* is pleaſed to adorn me. The *Advance* 'is very great, ſince we reckon'd laſt: I will venture 'to Tranſcribe the ſeveral Sums, in the manner you 'were pleaſed to lay them before me.

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| *Names* lent the *Examiner*, as *per* the laſt Account. | *Ditto*. Which I carry to a new *Account*. |
| *Miſcreant*, | *Raſcal*, |
| *Villain*, | *Slanderer*, |
| *Livery-man*, | *Villain*, 2. |
| *Lord's Fool*, | *Huzzar*, |
| *Fellow*, | *Banditti*, |
| *Rogue*, | *Wretch*, |
| *Brother-Scribler*, | *Fool*, |
| *Scoundrel*, | *Silly Rogue*, |
| *Pamphletteer*. | *Diabolical Worm*. |
| | *Raſcal*, 2. |
| | *Ruffian*, |
| | *Brute*. |

'You ſee, Dear Sir! how faſt he draws upon me: 'For all theſe black Strokes are a faithful Extract from 'ſix *Papers* only. I wiſh I were Maſter of ſome of his 'Arts in the Diſpatch of *Duns*. I muſt run further on 'the Scorce: I ſhall never be able to pay him. He 'threaten'd me not long ago, that if ever he Anſwer'd 'me, *he would appear to be void of both Reaſon and Argu-'ment*; and now he is as good as his Word. Prithee, 'Mr. *Smith*, will you ſtep to *Button*'s one Day or other, 'and let me know, whether any of the Company there 'dare talk in this Language, and in preſence of the '*Lion*. It was ſaid of Mr. *Otway*, whom I do not offer 'to compare with Mr. *St——e*, that an ordinary *Critick* might trace his common Converſation through all his 'Plays, and be able to tell, what *Scenes* were written 'in a *Spunging-Houſe*. I am ſorry that Mr. *S——e* ſhould 'incur the Juſtice of this Remark, at leaſt *three Weeks* 'after being able to inſult a *Bum-Bailiff* with his *Privi-'ledge*. A Creature, who can call Names only, is more 'deſpicable than a *Huzzar* and a *Banditti*, or any other 'couragious Cut-throat. Such Converſation is no Proof 'of a *Rational Being*: For *Cats* are ſaid to *ſwear*; and 'there is a *Dog-Dialect* peculiar to that Species of Ani-'mals, and to ſuch of them, as in the Opinion of *Hudi-'bras*, are ſuppoſed to have the Gift of *Satyr*, for the 'Reformation of their *Fellow-Quadrupads*. Mr. *St——e* 'knows very well, that I cannot, I dare not Anſwer 'him this way: I wrote *Spectators* and *Tatlers*, when he 'only publiſh'd them. Set aſide the *Stocks* and *Ducking-'ſtool*, and I'll hire a *Porter* or *Oyſter-Wench*, for Four 'Farthings, who ſhall fully anſwer the moſt Rhetorical 'of his *Papers*, tho' valued at double that Price. I was 'afraid, when he run Diviſions in *Ribaldry*, he would at 'laſt have call'd me, *Whig*: But he is more Merciful 'than Stout; and therefore I forgive him all other In-'dignities. That Name would have try'd my Patience, 'and provok'd me moſt inſufferably. At preſent all is 'Calm within; only I find my *Phlegm* riſes ſtrangely at 'this Creature: I could almoſt afford to ſay, *That I Pity 'him*; or *Eccho* to thoſe miſerable Strains of his, *Alas! 'Alas! Theſe are poor Arts.——*

*Unhappy Man, by Paſſion overſway'd!*

'He Abuſes me, becauſe he does not know me; and, as '*Diogenes* ſaid, Let him kick me too, when I am out of 'the way. I will ſtill be *Incog* for his Sake, that he may 'ſuppoſe me as Bad a Man as he pleaſes; even Bad 'enough to be his equal. But the World knows 'him; and on that account my Remarks will meet with 'more Credit than he imagines. However, I will be 'ſo favourable, as to place his worſt Faults to the Ac-'count of his Party, and not of his Perſon: For if he 'intends to be Uſeful to them, he muſt fall yet lower, 'and outgo all the Meaſures of Iniquity, he ever yet 'engag'd in.

'Mr. *St——e* is very angry with me, becauſe I reſolve 'all *Whig-Logick* into *Abſurdities*, *Trifles*, *Amuſements*, '*Falſhoods*, *Quibbles*, *Shifts*, *Equivocations*, *&c.* And 'he ſays, *There is no End of Writing ſuch Stuff*. Here, 'Mr. *Smith*, I do aſſure you he is in the right: There 'never will be an End of this Complaint, ſo long as 'the Party give us every Day freſh occaſion to repeat it. 'Mr. *St——e* cannot forbear furniſhing us, in this very '*Letter*, with two or three Inſtances of his Improve-'ment in *Whig-Logick*. The *Examiner* talk'd of *Ruining 'the Engliſhman*, meaning the *Paper*. *Ay*, ſays Mr. '*St——e*, *It is painful to him to think of any* Engliſh-'man's *Happineſs*: Where by *Engliſhman* he means '*Fellow-Subject*; and what is this but a lewd *Shift* and '*Quibble*. Again, where the *Whigs* are cenſur'd for 'their *Skill in Demoliſhing*, he agrees to it, with this ad-'dition, *In Demoliſhing of* French *Works*, meaning *Dun-'kirk*, tho' it be in the Hands of *Her Majeſty*: Tell me, 'Mr. *Smith*, what do you *Critticks* of the *Cellar* call this, 'but *Trifling* and *Equivocating*? Inſtead of repenting of 'former Indignities, he complains, *That he and his 'Friends have not yet heard of the Deſtroying the Baſon 'and Harbour*: And he is afraid, *Her Majeſty has em-'ploy'd only Corn-cutters in that Work*. It ſeems, in his 'Judgment, the *Queen* and *Miniſtry* are *Perſons, whom 'it is no publick Injury to Calumniate*: *They have been*

'Careleſs

'Careleſs or *Worſe*. *They have not acquainted him and his Party with the Reaſons of their Conduct, nor Demo-liſh'd* Dunkirk *according to his* EXPECTATIONS. 'What can be more Abſurd and Fooliſh, than his ſaying, *That the* Examiner *can be ſtill worſe*; and placing it among his *Praiſes*, when he had ſaid juſt before, *That he was not ſo Bad, as he had a Mind to be?*

Mr. *S*——*le* is famous for uſing his Friends well. He has a particular Friendſhip and Veneration for *Two Great Men*, whom the *Examiner* has borne hard upon. 'This is the Riſe of his Reſentment; and hence it is, 'That he owns *he has, perhaps, fallen into the Error of over-charging the* Examiner. So that *private Pique* is the 'Original of all theſe Outrages; whereas the *Examiner* 'profeſſes to have no other Quarrel to thoſe *two Characters*, but on a publick Account, and for the ſake of 'his Country. Let the World judge then, which of the 'Two is actuated by the nobler Principle. I was very 'willing to let *One* of thoſe Great Men reſt in that 'Place, *whereto*, this Gentleman ſays, *he is Gathered*, till 'the *Whigs* ſhould pleaſe to revive his Hiſtory, as Mr. *S*——*le* has done. In that Caſe, I thought it lawful to 'ſpeak in the Voice of my Country, to relate publick 'Facts, ſuch as the Impoveriſhing of *Great Britain* for 'the ſake of Strangers, Diſinheriting the Houſe of *Hanover* in *Scotland*, and Remiſſineſs in Guarding the *Prerogative*, and Deſerting the *Church* in her greateſt need, 'without regard to former Principles, and the moſt ſolemn Engagements. Theſe Reflections ſhall open my 'Mouth at any time againſt any *Hero* of the *Whigs*, 'whenever they think fit to raiſe him from the Dead; 'tho' he had been ſlain at *Naſeby* or at *Marſton-Moor*: 'And I will not be ſilenc'd by thoſe, whoſe *Parata Cornua* are too ſhort to reach me; and who dare make a '*Farce* of the *Murder* of a *King*, or rake in thoſe Aſhes, 'which were ſcatter'd by Profane Hands, in defence of 'our *Holy Church* and *Religion*. Shall a Great Man *deſert* 'a Cauſe he always eſpous'd, and own'd to be ſuch, as '*that all other Conſiderations ought to give Place to it*, only 'becauſe it at laſt interfer'd with his Intereſt? And 'ſhall not I call him *Deſerter*, without wronging him in 'his Profeſſion; when Mr. *S*——*le* himſelf owns, *That 'this Caſe has not the leaſt relation to him as a Soldier?* 'Does Mr. *S*——*le* vindicate him, by ſaying; *He was 'conſtantly Succeſsful in his Labours for the Liberty of* Europe, TILL *he was remov'd from Power?* It ſeems 'then he has not been ſucceſsful *ſince he was remov'd*; '*but he has labour'd* STILL. Let him tell us, in what 'Station he has labour'd? under what Authority? and 'by vertue of what Commiſſion? Such Advocates are 'more formidable than any *Examiner*, who whilſt they 'celebrate a Great Man's *Abilities*, do almoſt call in queſtion his *Allegiance*.

'The *Burgeſs Elect* for *Stockbridge*, in his *Letter* to the '*Bailiff* of that Place, defers Praiſing *Her Majeſty till both* SHE *and* Himſelf *are dead*, p. 61. Which Compliment amounts to thus much, that he will not praiſe 'Her at all. A *Fine* of *Forty Marks* had been worthy 'this Inſolence: But he profeſſes more Veneration for 'the *Remains* of a *noble Earl*, even whilſt he is alive to 'pay it. You, Mr. *Smith*, are a Judge in this Caſe: 'For he has taught you to call theſe Great Men, *your 'Fellow-Subjects*. And yet how much more deadly are 'the Endearments of this Friend, than the Wounds of 'the *Examiner*? When did ever I ſay, as Mr. *S*—*le* has 'done, *That he was an Acquaintance of the* late Treaſurer's? The *Engliſhman* tells us; *That from the Time 'that* Charicles *was thrown out of the Senate, in a ſhameleſs manner, he dated the Ruin of publick Juſtice and Honour*. Now by *Charicles*, Mr. *S*——*le* would underſtand the preſent *Lord High Chanc*——*r*. *The Treatment of whom*, ſays he, *was a laſting Scandal to that Parliament*: And yet the *then Tr*———*r* was known to 'have been the prime Manager in all that Affair, and 'to have conducted every Step of it from the *Burrough* 'in the *Country* to the *Bar* of the *Houſe of* C———ns: 'So that by his own Confeſſion, we have here *a Man of Safe and eſtabliſh'd Honour*, and *a lover of good Talents and Accompliſhments*, made not only *Acceſſary* but *Principal*, in the *Treatment of an Able*, and as I, upon the beſt Grounds, dare call him, a *Great* and *Upright Lawyer*, after ſuch a manner, *as brought a laſting Scandal upon that Parliament*, and *whence*, as the *Engliſhman* ſays, *the Ruin of Publick Juſtice* and *Honour ought to be dated*. What a *Drawncanſir* is this, to kill both Friends 'and Foe? To him all *Tr*———*rs* are alike, the Dead, 'the Living, the Diſcarded, and thoſe in Employ, eſpecially if they have ever been his *Benefactors*.

'In pure Spite to the *Examiner*, he ſtept out of his 'way to make an awkward Complement to the *Abilities* 'of that *Great Man*, who has reſtor'd the Honour of the '*Great Seal*. Becauſe the *Examiner* had ſaid, that by '*Charicles* was meant *W*——*le*, therefore he reſolv'd to 'run into the oppoſite Extream. Suppoſe it were ſo, 'how will he make amends for what he has ſaid of that 'Parliament, whence *Charicles* was expell'd; when will 'his Party forgive him? *Did they ruin publick Juſtice and 'Honour? Did they repreſent only an unruly Multitude, 'and not a well-govern'd People? Had they loſt all ſenſibility of Shame? And did Truth and Modeſty give way to 'Falſhood and Impudence?* This is the Deſcription of the 'Senate whence *Charicles* was expell'd, and yet this De-'ſcription Mr. *S*——*le* would apply to the *Laſt Whig-'Houſe of Com*——*s?* How does this agree with what he 'elſewhere ſays of them, *That in other Matters* (that 'ſingle Caſe excepted) *they eminently diſtinguiſhed themſelves for their Juſtice, and Care of the publick Honour, 'Wealth, and Safety?* 'Tis true, that vile Character he 'has drawn, is the Reverſe of that, which belongs to the '*Parl*——*t*, whence *W*——*le* was expell'd: But Mr. '*S*——*le* is capable of applying it there; ſince he has 'not ſcrupled to ſay, *That* W——le *was expell'd for 'dauntleſs aſſerting the Truth of an honeſt Cauſe, and contemning Superiority of Numbers in the Wrong*. Nay, he 'calls *the Guilt of that Superiority*, by the deteſtable Name 'of *Impudence*. Here, Mr. *Smith*, I could exclaim with 'great Freedom. That Parl——t is *defunct* as well as 'one of Mr. *S*——*e*'s Patrons; and *I have an inviolable 'Veneration for its Memory*. Her *Majeſty* call'd them '*Immortal*, and wiſh'd to meet *another of the ſame Temper*. Will he have no regard for the EXPECTA-'TIONS of his *Queen*, who has been ſo indulgent to '*his?* Shall this Creature be a part of ſuch a Senate, 'and be included in ſo wiſe and juſt a Majority? You 'have caſt up the Account, Mr. *Smith*, and know exactly, how many *Raſcals* I am in his Debt.

'It is well for Mr. *S*——*le*, that he has thrown a little 'Merriment in my way. The laſt Shock was almoſt too 'rough for my Temper. He would perſwade ſome of 'his Friends to *contribute towards my Proſecution*; and I 'hear a poor incorrigable Creature, juſtloos'd from the '*Pillory*, is his *Second* in this noble Project. So extraordinary a Menace has made a perfect *Laughing Philoſopher* of me. In the name of Wonder, what do theſe 'frantick *Wags* mean? Is their *Topſey-Turvey* State ſo 'very near? Are their *Guarrantees* juſt Landed, and their '*Huzzars* and *Banditi* upon the full March towards us? 'Muſt the *Advocates* for the Government be threatned 'with Proſecution by its *Enemies* and *Defamers?* Or is 'that Word an *Erratum?* When they let me know, 'who are their *Secretaries*, *Judges*, *Attorneys*, and *Solli-citors*, appointed by the *Junta* for this important Service, I will prepare for the *Impeachment*. In the mean 'time, if you offer to think, that any of theſe *vain Terrors* can incline me to *Fear*, or *Spare* the *Faction*, you 'have very unbecoming Notions of,

*Mr.* Smith,

*Your very good Friend,*

*The* EXAMINER.

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